

EDITORIAL

NEARLY 70 YEARS AGO the First Pan-Pacific Scientific Conference was held in Honolulu; in 1991 the Seventeenth Pacific Science Congress will commence in Honolulu. One of the objectives of the first conference was to develop an archaeological research program for Hawai'i. With the appearance of the 1991 congress, therefore, it seems fitting that an entire issue of *Asian Perspectives* be devoted to Hawaiian archaeology. This issue will appear in time for the Congress, and along with the papers presented at the Congress on Hawaiian and Polynesian archaeology should document both the advances we have made and the challenges that continue to confront those of us who conduct archaeological research in the Islands.

In the early part of this century, there was no concept of a long duration in Hawaiian prehistory. Neither was much change over time or variation across space expected. Several recent archaeological projects have exploded such assumptions. They have demonstrated a much longer prehistoric sequence in Hawai'i, one that is varied and shows considerable temporal change. The potential for the archaeological record of Hawai'i to contribute an independent perspective to our understanding of Hawaiian prehistory is just now being realized.

At the same time, the increasing amount of archaeological field work being conducted in Hawai'i makes it difficult for any individual to control satisfactorily all of the information being produced. Also much of this information remains unpublished or has limited distribution. The situation we face in Hawai'i has been noted elsewhere in the United States, where the sheer abundance of cultural material being recovered might exceed the ability of archaeologists to contribute to the description and explanation of prehistory.

The papers included in this issue and the papers presented at the Congress are an indication of what can be and is being done in Hawaiian archaeology. Most of the research presented here is the result of contract archaeology, which is designed to fulfill state and federal historic preservation responsibilities. The inclusion of these articles should help demonstrate that significant research findings can be achieved in situations where historic preservation and land management concerns must also be addressed. Furthermore these papers illustrate that good archaeology today involves a mix of method and theory with culture history or cultural reconstruction. Finally, they demonstrate the advances Hawai'i archaeologists have made over the last 70 years and suggest some of the directions in which Hawaiian archaeological research can productively move in the future.

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ABBREVIATIONS

<i>A</i>	<i>Antiquity</i> , Cambridge	<i>FMJ</i>	<i>Federation Museums Journal</i> , Kuala Lumpur
<i>AA</i>	<i>American Anthropologist</i> , Washington, D.C.	<i>GR</i>	<i>Geographical Review</i> , New York
<i>AJS</i>	<i>Australian Journal of Science</i> , Sydney	<i>IB</i>	<i>Information Bulletin</i> , Pacific Science Association, Honolulu
<i>AP</i>	<i>Asian Perspectives</i> , Honolulu	<i>JAS</i>	<i>Journal of Asian Studies</i> , formerly <i>Far Eastern Quarterly</i> , Ann Arbor
<i>APAS</i>	<i>Asian and Pacific Archaeology Series</i> , Social Science Research Institute, University of Hawaii, Honolulu	<i>JAOS</i>	<i>Journal of the American Oriental Society</i> , New Haven
<i>APAO</i>	<i>Archaeology and Physical Anthropology in Oceania</i> , Sydney	<i>JARS</i>	<i>Journal of the Assam Research Society</i>
<i>AR</i>	<i>Anthropological Records</i> , University of California, Berkeley	<i>JASB</i>	<i>Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal</i>
<i>BAE</i>	<i>Bureau of American Ethnology</i> , Washington, D.C.	<i>JASS</i>	<i>Journal of the Assam Science Society</i>
<i>BDAA</i>	<i>Bulletin of the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology</i> , National Taiwan University, Taipei	<i>JHKAS</i>	<i>Journal of the Hong Kong Archaeological Society</i> , Hong Kong
<i>BEFEO</i>	<i>Bulletin de l'École Française d'Extrême-Orient</i> , Paris	<i>JMBRAS</i>	<i>Journal of the Malaysian Branch, Royal Asiatic Society</i> , Kuala Lumpur
<i>BIEAS</i>	<i>Bulletin of the Institute of Ethnology</i> , Academia Sinica, Taipei	<i>JPS</i>	<i>Journal of the Polynesian Society</i> , Wellington, N.Z.
<i>BIPPA</i>	<i>Bulletin of the Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association</i> , Canberra	<i>JRAI</i>	<i>Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland</i> , London
<i>BMFEA</i>	<i>Bulletin of the Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities</i> , Stockholm	<i>JSO</i>	<i>Journal de la Société des Océanistes</i> , Paris
<i>BMJ</i>	<i>Brunei Museum Journal</i>	<i>JSS</i>	<i>Journal of the Siam Society</i> , Bangkok
<i>BRB</i>	<i>Borneo Research Bulletin</i> , Williamsburg	<i>JUG</i>	<i>Journal of the University of Gauhati</i>
<i>BSEI</i>	<i>Bulletin de la Société des Études Indochinoises</i> , Saigon	<i>KCH</i>	<i>Khao Cô? Hôc</i> , Institute of Archaeology, Hanoi
<i>BSEO</i>	<i>Bulletin de la Société des Études Océaniques</i> , Papeete	<i>KK</i>	<i>K'ao-ku (Kaogu)</i> , Beijing
<i>BSGI</i>	<i>Bulletin de la Service Géologique Indochine</i> , Hanoi	<i>KKHP</i>	<i>K'ao-ku-hsueh-pao</i> , Beijing
<i>BTLV</i>	<i>Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde</i> , The Hague	<i>KKTH</i>	<i>K'ao-ku-t'ung-hsün</i> , Beijing
<i>CA</i>	<i>Current Anthropology</i> , Chicago	<i>KZ</i>	<i>Kōkōgaku Zasshi</i> , Tokyo
		<i>M</i>	<i>Man</i> , London

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| MH | <i>Malaya in History</i> , Kuala Lumpur | PJS | <i>Philippine Journal of Science</i> , Manila |
| MJTG | <i>The Malayan Journal of Tropical Geography</i> , Singapore | PM | <i>Pacific Islands Monthly</i> , Sydney |
| MNMV | <i>Memoirs of the National Museum of Victoria</i> , Victoria, Australia | S | <i>Science</i> , Washington, D.C. |
| MQRSEA | <i>Modern Quaternary Research in Southeast Asia</i> , Rotterdam | SA | <i>Scientific American</i> , New York |
| MS | <i>Monumenta Serica</i> , Tokyo | SMJ | <i>Sarawak Museum Journal</i> , Kuching |
| MSGI | <i>Mémoires de la Service Géologique d'Indochine</i> , Hanoi | VTLV | <i>Verhandelingen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde</i> , The Hague |
| NAM | <i>North Australian Monthly</i> , Townsville, Queensland | W | <i>Walkabout</i> , Melbourne, Australia |
| NGS | <i>Nieuw Guinea Studiën</i> , The Hague | WA | <i>World Archaeology</i> , Henley-on-Thames, England |
| NZAAN | <i>New Zealand Archaeological Association Newsletter</i> , Wellington, N.Z. | WW | <i>Wen-wu</i> , Peking |
| O | <i>Oceania</i> , Sydney | ZFE | <i>Zeitschrift für Ethnologie</i> , Berlin |
| PASB | <i>Proceedings of the Asiatic Society of Bengal</i> | ZMRNH | <i>Zoologische Mededelingen, Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie</i> , Leiden |
| PEFEO | <i>Publications de l'École Française d'Extrême-Orient</i> , Paris | ZVRNH | <i>Zoologische Verhandelingen, Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie</i> , Leiden |